

REMARKS:

The present Amendment editorial revises the specification, drawings and claims, and adds an Abstract, to conform the present PCT application to the requirements of United States patent practice. The cancellation of original
5 claims 1-6 in favor of claims 7-12 presented herein has been done solely because the amount of strikethroughs and underlining that would have been necessary to conform original claims 1-6 to the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph would have been unduly burdensome and confusing.
10 No change in the claim language between claims 1-6 and claims 7-12 has been made for the purpose of distinguishing any claims 7-12 over the teachings of the prior art of record. Accordingly, no change in the claim language is considered by the Applicant as a surrender of any of the subject matter encompassed within the scope of original claims 1-6.

Early consideration of the application on the merits is respectfully
15 requested.

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